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Photos for this issue were provided by Chris Benda, Alice Brandon, Connie Cunningham, Karla Gage, Nancy Garwood, and John Schwegman.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone! I hope this new year finds you all warm and healthy. I also hope you have been able to get out and enjoy some of the wonderful weather we've been blessed with these past few months. It has been quite a fair weather winter for much of the state!

For all of you that were able to attend the INPS Annual Meeting this past September in Southern Illinois, I expect you will join me in extending a huge THANK YOU to the Southern Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society for doing a great job. The weather cooperated for the most part and gave us a great day for hikes on Saturday. Even though the weather turned on Sunday, it did not dissuade a few hardy individuals from making the trek to a nearby waterfall. Please enjoy the highlights of the meeting offered in this publication and please check out the great photos that have been shared on the Facebook page of the Southern Illinois Chapter <https://www.facebook.com/southernillinoisplants> or from the INPS website at <http://www.ill-inps.org/index.php/Special>.

Yes, you saw that correctly, the INPS website is up and running! We have had several issues with the website over the past few years and have finally been able to get it redesigned and functional again. Please check it out! A big THANK YOU to all that helped to get it going again!! If any of you have suggestions or thoughts about things we can do to improve your experiences with the Illinois Native Plant Society, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would love to hear from you!

As the days lengthen and thoughts start turning toward spring in anticipation for the green season to come, check our website and facebook pages regularly for announcements of upcoming wildflower hikes and native plant sales that may be occurring in your areas. If you know of any activities that would be good to post, just let us know!

I look forward to hearing from all of you this coming year about your excursions in the wild (and not so wild) and as always, I hope to see you outdoors!

Humbly yours,
Connie Cunningham



ERIGENIA SNEAK PREVIEW: An essay about one of our early botanists, an article on bryophytes, inventories of beautiful places. Join the fall issue. Submit your paper (for peer review) to Tracy Evans at tracy.evans@illinois.gov

Greetings Erigenia Readers,

Please be thinking about how you can contribute to the Illinois Native Plant Society journal. Part of our mission is to publish information on native plants from Illinois and we cannot do this without your input. Documenting our work is part of the process. Guidelines for submission are on the back cover of Erigenia.

Thanks in advance.

Tracy Evans, Erigenia Editor

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CONNIE CUNNINGHAM FOR ABOVE AND BEYOND ASSISTANCE IN PRODUCING THIS ISSUE OF the HARBINGER

2012 INPS WEBSITE UPGRADE



Check out the newly designed INPS website!

Please visit us at <http://www.ill-inps.org/>

Some of the new highlights include

- a Google Calendar that will list upcoming events
- links to past *Erigenia* and *Harbinger* issues
- photo galleries



Let us know if you have any comments or suggestions!

2011 Annual Meeting

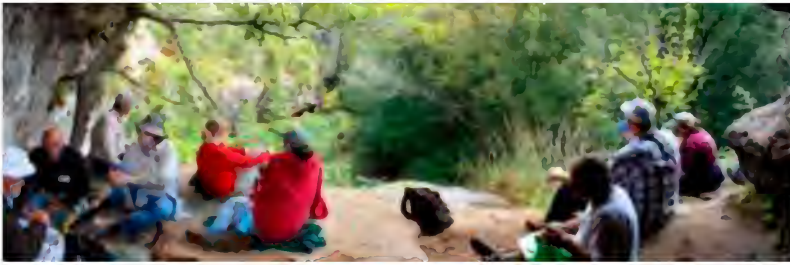
The Annual Meeting hosted by the Southern Chapter of INPS this past September was a great success. Attendees enjoyed their choice of 5 interesting field trip options, a conservation award presented to Judy Faulkner-Dempsey honoring years of service for the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, Key Note address given by Dr. Larry Stritch, National Botanist for the U.S. Forest Service, followed by acoustic music by the bonfire! We all enjoyed great company and a great time!

Enjoy some photos of the event below as well as some excerpts from the Southern Chapter's newsletter. For more photos and information, visit the Southern Chapter's facebook page at: www.facebook.com/southernillinoisplants



From John Schwegman: The 15 members of the Indian Kitchen Field Trip endured an hour long hike on a muddy trail to reach this very scenic and botanically rich sandstone gorge. Our first task was to eat lunch in the "Indian Kitchen", a small rock shelter in the wall of the gorge almost 100 feet above Lusk Creek. We just barely all fit in, but the ground was dry there so we could sit while we ate with the fabulous scene of the gorge right in front of us. After lunch we saw habitat that supports the threatened French's Shooting star in spring but it was not visible now. We then ventured down the trail where we saw the endangered *Calamagrostis inspirata* and the threatened *Carex willakenowii* as well as Blue Curbs. We walked through the prehistoric Indian wall and then searched the north facing ledges where we found the endangered *Demissaedria punctilobula*, and the threatened *Sedum telephioides* (in flower). We were prevented from viewing the threatened clubmoss (*Huperzia porophylla*) by wet and slick footing on the ledge leading to it and we were unable to find the Yellow Honeysuckle (*Lonicera flava*) where it formerly grew. A special treat was seeing the beautiful, blooming *Gentiana andrewsii* arching out from the north facing ledges. It was one of the final sights of a very enjoyable botanical outing.






Judy Faulkner-Dempsey was presented the Conservationist of the Year Award in recognition for her 32 years of service in the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. Judy has worked tirelessly in the southern 1/3 of Illinois successfully negotiated the protection of 113 sites, totaling a remarkable 20,000 acres! Convincing landowners to dedicate their land as a nature preserve, protected by law for eternity, can often take years and it is not a profession for someone impatient. Judy recognized the necessity of cultivating relationships with landowners and has earned the respect of her constituents and colleagues alike. Thank you Judy!



Many Thanks to Dr. Larry Stritch, US Forest Service National Botanist, for presenting the keynote address. A former Illinois biologist and student of Dr. Robert Mohlenbrock, Dr. Stritch shared many stories from his notable career and recognized those who were instrumental to his success.



Thanks to the Southern Chapter of INPS for a job well done!



Illinois Native Plant Society

New
Location

2012 PLANT SALE

Saturday April 28th
Illinois State Fairgrounds
Commodity Pavilion

(Across from Grandstand, Enter Gates 1, 7 or 11)
801 E. Sangamon Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Diverse selection of local provenance natives

Sampling of native cultivars

Prairie plants Woodland plants

Herbaceous and woody plants of all sizes,
some extremely rare

Greatly expanded selection of native trees & shrubs
balled & burlapped and potted

<http://www.ill-inps.org/index.php/Special>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY RING 217-243-6055
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The Illinois Native Plant Society is going

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To decrease paper use and waste, as well as reduce our printing and mailing costs, the INPS quarterly newsletter, *The Harbinger*, will no longer be offered in printed paper form.

As of, JULY 2011, *The Harbinger* will now only be offered in electronic form as a pdf file and emailed to the address we have on record for each of you.

If you need to receive *The Harbinger* in paper form, please contact

Chris Benda

Phone: 217-417-4145

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Once again,

As of July 2011 (all future issues),
The Harbinger will be offered in electronic form only
(unless Chris Benda is otherwise notified)



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IMPORTANT POINT OF INFORMATION

Each issue of THE HARBINGER costs approximately \$2.00 to print and mail
or about \$1,000.00 per issue.
There is no cost for design and layout.

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DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY MARCH 20TH 7PM

LOCATION:

Illinois State Museum

201 Edwards St Lower Level

DETAILS:

Presented by Illinois Native Plant Society

Seating limited to the first 186 persons.

This is a free show! Come early!

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ANNUAL WICKER CLUB OUTING

INPS Spring Fever Getaway: March 30 - April 1

Mark your calendars now and join fellow INPS members on a weekend trip to Southern Illinois. We will stay at the Wicker Club near Horseshoe Lake and travel to Lusk Creek Wilderness and Simpson Barrens to view spring ephemerals and unique plant communities. For more details or to sign up, please contact Christina Pierce at cpiercec@yahoo.com.



Hill Prairie Conference being held in Peoria

http://www.peoriaparks.org/files/2012_registration_hill_prairie_conference.pdf

SAVE THESE DATES:

Fri., April 27 & Sat., April 28, 2012

**— the Third Illinois Hill Prairie Conference,
“Living on the Edge”**

*hosted by the Peoria Park District's Camp Wokanda,
Peoria, Ill.*

*This conference will focus on the transition zone of Hill Prairie and
its surrounding woodlands.*



Friday evening - Presentations and Barn Dance
Saturday - Workshops and Field Trips

For more information, contact Mike Miller @ (309) 681-2858,
mmiller@peoriaparks.org

Information and registration: www.peoriaparks.org

*This conference is sponsored by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission,
the Peoria Park District and Peoria Wilds*

COLLECTING AND PRESSING WORKSHOP

The Friends of the Sangamon Valley group will conduct a plant collecting and pressing workshop on April 14th from 10am - noon at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. This event is free and open to all but space is limited. If you are interested in attending, contact Vern LaGessee at vlagesse@fosv.org to reserve your spot.

Please join me in offering a big
THANK YOU!
to Mike Tyner for his years serving as
Editor for The Harbinger.



Since 2007, Mike has designed and edited the beautiful Harbinger we know today. Deciding to focus on other Illinois Native Plant Society volunteer activities and duties, Mike has decided to hand the Harbinger reins over to Chris Benda after this edition.

Thank you Mike for all your hard work!

Connie Cunningham, INPS President

Join us!

- ☐ NEW
☐ RENEWAL
☐ ADDRESS CHANGE ONLY

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- ☐ Student \$ 13.00
☐ Individual \$ 20.00
☐ Family (new category) \$ 30.00
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publications(except Erigenia) and notices **BY MAIL.**



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Illinois Native Plant Society is totally membership based.

Every facet of our organization is built upon member/volunteer participation.

The Erigenia, Harbinger, chapter newsletters, plant sales, programs, web sites, field trips, monthly and annual meetings, etc., are planned and prepared by members and volunteers. So in January we ask all members to renew their memberships to support these activities.

Renewals received since September 2010 are considered to be for 2011,
ASSUMING DUES WERE PAID FOR THE 2010 YEAR.

ALL UNRENEWED MEMBERSHIPS ARE BEING PURGED FROM THE DATA BASE.

It is our hope to be able to accomplish member renewals without the cost of sending membership notices in a separate mailing, if possible.

A review of membership records indicates that our membership has shrunk severely.
WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A WAY TO INDICATE MEMBERSHIP STATUS WHEN THE HARBINGER IS SENT OUT

RENEW FOR 2012

SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM ABOVE

Please complete the entire form.

We would like to have your current e-mail address.

YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE HARBINGER IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

Thank You!!!

INPS Membership Mailing

Membership processing and record keeping for INPS Membership Chair is being handled by Mike Tynar. To facilitate this change please send all Membership Applications and Membership Renewals to:

INPS Membership, P.O. Box 3341, Springfield, IL 62708

And, just a reminder that the INPS address is:

Illinois Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 3341, Springfield, IL 62708



Dear Members,

Thank you for the material submitted over recent months. I could always use more. Too much is far better than not having enough to fill these pages. There are, of course, **deadlines** to meet. **July 1st, October 1st, January 1st, and April 1st.**

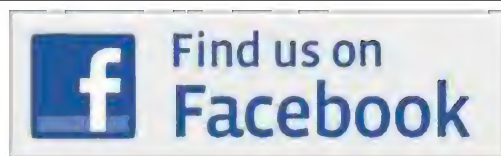
I hope you enjoy the newsletters and always offer suggestions for improvement and content. Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

Mike Tyner
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Editor

P. S. It is really very convenient



The Illinois Native Plant Society has a Facebook page! For updates, announcements, and just plain fun plant information, view us at

www.facebook.com/IllinoisPlants

No need to be a Facebook member to visit our page. But if you are on Facebook, please consider joining us and sharing your nature activities, photos and stories!

The INPS Southern Chapter has a Facebook page too!

www.facebook.com/southernillinoisplants

If any of the other INPS Chapters have a website or Facebook page they would like to share, please send the information to Mike Tyner at windfirerain@comcast.net to be included in the next Harbinger.